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From History of Lawrence, Orange & Washington Counties, Indiana, Goodspeed 1884. P. 657.

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Andrew J. Abel an old ~~and~~ Citizen of this township was born in the State of Tennessee Dec. 1815, being the third of Eleven children of William and Rebecca (Cox) Abel. His parents were Virginians and of Anglo-Irish descent and settled in this County near Orleans about the year 1823 afterwards moving to where our subject now resides where they spent the remainder of their days, well known and respected. At the age of Nineteen Andrew with no education commenced life for himself. In October 1834 he married Rebecca Link ~~and~~ who bore him eleven children Eight now living as follows, John A. J., who Margaret E. McCauley; Geo. W., whose wife was Lucinda McCracken; Mahala J., who Married Jasper Mahan; Samuel T., whose wife was Susan J. McCauley; Julia A., who became the wife of Wm T. McCracken. Cynthia A., now the widow of John Farrell. Frances P. unmarried, and James B., whose wife was Sarah E. Myers. Mr. Abel has successfully farming through life and now owns 190 acres of good land. In his younger days he "flat-boated" to New Orleans. He is a democrat and a substantial citizen.

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TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA

If you find any of the living relatives, please send their names + addresses. L.C.

PEDIGREE CHART

June 11, 1943
DATE

Lillian Briggs Cunningham
NAME OF PERSON SUBMITTING CHART

3349 41st Street
STREET ADDRESS

Port Arthur, Texas
CITY STATE

NO. 1 ON THIS CHART IS THE SAME PERSON AS NO._____

ON CHART NO._____

My parents and grandparents

Elda Evelyn Farrell
BORN Nov. 23, 1875
WHERE Louisiana
WHEN MARRIED July 7, 1892
DIED
WHERE

Martin Simeon Briggs
NAME OF HUSBAND OR WIFE

Edward Farrell
BORN 1825
WHERE Dublin Ireland
WHEN MARRIED
DIED May, 1920
WHERE Many, La.
(Sabine Parish)

Sarah Jane Winkler
BORN 1837
WHERE Lotus, La
DIED 1888
WHERE Many, La.

Abram Winkler
BORN 1779
WHERE
WHEN MARRIED
DIED Aug. 3, 1844
WHERE Lotus, La.
(Natchitoches Parish)

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GIVE HERE NAME OF RECORD OR BOOK WHERE THIS INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED. REFER TO NAMES BY NUMBER.

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1 Martin Simeon Briggs
BORN Jan 16, 1867
WHERE Fulton, Ark
WHEN MARRIED July 7, 1892
DIED
WHERE

Alda Evelyn Farrell
NAME OF HUSBAND OR WIFE

2 John Julian Briggs
BORN ~~1847~~ 1838
WHERE ~~Georgia~~ Ala.
WHEN MARRIED
DIED
WHERE

3 Mary Susan (Abel) Briggs
BORN June 8, 1843
WHERE Paducah Ky
DIED Nov. 24, 1921
WHERE New Boston, Texas

4 Simeon Briggs
BORN
WHERE Georgia
WHEN MARRIED
DIED
WHERE

5 Sally Elizabeth Jones
BORN
WHERE S.C.
DIED
WHERE

6 Martin Abel
BORN about 1811
WHERE Indiana
WHEN MARRIED
DIED about 1877
WHERE

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BORN
WHERE
DIED
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My record shows Sarah Elizabeth Cox to be the Mother of Mary Susan Abel, but according to some later information that is incorrect. Will copy & send along and perhaps you can get correct data on them.

GEN.

1909 N. 8th Street
Terre Haute, Ind.
July 4, 1943

Mrs. Lillian Cunningham
3349 41st Street
Port Arthur, Texas

Dear Mrs. Cunnibgham;

I have delayed answering your letter, hoping that I might find something more definite for you. I spent two afternoons (1-5) at the library without any satisfactory results. (There is no additional charge. I just hoped to get something more on the second trip than I had been able to do the first time.)

Your people were likely located in the southern part of the state and I am sorry that our library does not have more adequate information of that region.

I am enclosing extracts from our Sullivan County History concerning BRIGGS families; but I could not discover any connecting link. So these may be of no value to you at all.

The ABELL (Abel) Coat of Arms, I thought might be of interest to you. We always hope for a connecting link in a case of this kind and often find one; or claim the Coat of Arms until the ownership has been disproved. The sketch is in black and white. But an artist could enlarge it and color it according to the discription

As to the FARRELL (Ferrell) family, I found only a mention. In a Green county history, among the early settlers was named a John Ferrell; later a note saying J.B.Ferrell had served as a Justice of the Peace in Jackson Township in 1831 and also as election inspector. Nothing of his personal history or family.

If travelling were not so hampered by war conditions, I should go over to the State library, and might do better for you. Occassionally, I make a trip up to the Newberry library in Chicago; but that too is out for the duration. Things may ease up pretty soon- we hope. I shall keep your notes in my files and if I come upon any information useful to you, I shall be most happy to send it to you.

Again, I am sorry my information is so meager and trust that in the near future you may have better success.

Sincerely yours

Mrs. Herbert Briggs

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BRIGGS

From History of Sullivan County, Ind. Thos. J. Wolf, Editor. 1909. p 230.

Briggs, Benjamin, was the first American of the family; came to the colonies from England 1770; and a few years later mortgaged his estate to raise a company of patriots to fight against the mother country. He lost his left arm at Monmouth and his right at Yorktown.

Also: History of Green and Sullivan Cos. Goodspeed 1884; p. 711 has an account of this same Benjamin Briggs and continues the family:

David Briggs, son of Benjamin Briggs the immigrant, was a Major in the war of 1812.

Joseph W. Briggs, second son of Major David Briggs, was a lawyer by profession and a Captain in the Mexicab War.

John C. Briggs, son of Captain Joseph W? Briggs, was born in Carlisle, Sullivan County, Indiana; was also a lawyer by profession and a Captain in the Civil war.

Dr. Charles Briggs, also a son of Joseph W. Briggs and Elizabeth a. (Clippenger) Briggs was born March 25, 1842.

There is also an account of a Murray Brigga born in Licking County, Ohio, Editor- in 1884- of the Sullivan DEMOCRAT.

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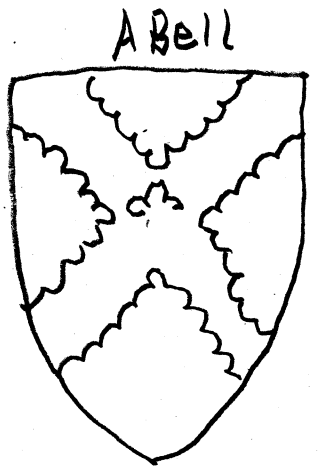
ABELL



ABELL (Abel) COAT of ARMS

Registered by the Committee of Heraldry of the New England Genealogical Society as being the Coat of Arms of Robert Abell.

Silver on a saltire engrailed azure nine fleurs-de-lis

Compendium of American Genealogy, FIRST FAMILIES of America, IMMIGRANT ANCESTORS, says of him:

ABELL (Abel), Robert, born probably in England; died Rehoboth, Mass., June 20, 1663; son of George Abel who married Frances ------- of Hemington, Leistershire, England; first record at Weymouth, Mass., where he desired to be made freeman, October 19, 1630; later at Rehoboth, Mass.; married Joanna ------ who survived him and married (2nd) at Rehoboth, June 4, 1667, William Hyde of Norwich, Conn.

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